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Boston University
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Juliet F. Brudney
c/o Business News Department
Boston Globe
Boston, MA 02107

Dear Juliet,

In August of 1987 you ran an article describing a new degree program offered at Boston University's School of Medicine and Metropolitan College called Program in Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences. This September will mark the third anniversary of this very successful program. I thought an update on the program would make an interesting article for "Living with Work."

This program is unique because it offers anyone interested in a career in biomedical technology or already working in the field the opportunity to earn a degree or to take courses to improve their skills. Courses are offered during the day or evening, and degrees can be obtained on a full-or part-time basis.

Courses provided by the program have enabled students to develop the skills and understanding needed to work effectively in the well-paying and growing biomedical and biotechnical industry. Over the last two years, approximately 75 students have taken courses ranging from medical terminology, immunology, techniques in protein purification and clinical microbiology.

This summer, 11 people received certificates for completing a course titled Tissue Culture Techniques. The students include high-school as well as college graduates. This course has provided them with additional skills needed for their current positions.

In addition to the convenience of the program, tuition is very reasonable thanks to a Bay State Skills Corporation (BSSC) grant. Fall classes begin on August 30, 1989. If you are interested in talking to any of the students involved in the program or the director, please give me a call at (617) 638-8491.

Sincerely,

Gina DiGravio
Boston University Medical Center